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Nixon Papers — NBC Out

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NBC News said yesterday it has ended negotiations for the exclusive television rights to former President Nixon's memoirs and his appearance in two or three NBC documentaries.

The termination was "by mutual agreement" because Mr. Nixon's literary agent, Irving Lazar, "was entering discussions with others who evidently were prepared to pay more for the rights and might be more compatible with the former president's wishes," NBC said.

An NBC spokesman said he didn't know who the "others" are: CBS and ABC have rejected offers of TV rights to Mr. Nixon's memoirs and to documentaries in which he appears speaking of his presidency.

NBC News, which made public its negotiations with Lazar in late JulY, has not revealed how much money Lazar was seeking, but NBC president Richard C. Wald has denied the fee sought was $1 million.

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